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plumbing system to efficiently drain through said housing into a tub; a faceplate having water flow through passages and drainage openings in the lower peripheral edge of the faceplate; wherein said faceplate is designed specifically for said housing; wherein said faceplate is configured to resist body entrapment when high velocity water is passing through said faceplate; and wherein said water flow through passages are sized and positioned to resist hair entrapment when high velocity water is passing through said faceplate.

23. (Newly Added) In combination with a fill and drain whirlpool bathtub having a water pump, closed loop piping system and output jets, further comprising:

a housing having an input orifice and an output orifice and a flange for providing a mount to a tub wall; a threaded portion that extends through an opening in a tub; said housing having a sloped lower shelf that provides for water in at least a segment of a closed loop plumbing system to efficiently drain through said housing into a tub; a faceplate having water flow through passages and drainage openings in the lower peripheral edge of the faceplate; said faceplate designed specifically for said housing; said water flow through passages configured to resist hair entrapment when high velocity water passes through said faceplate; a threaded member that secures said faceplate to a housing; and wherein a threaded nut screws onto said threaded portion that extends through an opening in a tub, from behind a tub wall surface, securing the housing to a tub wall.

24. (Newly Added) In combination with a fill and drain whirlpool bathtub having a water pump, closed loop piping system and output jets, further comprising:

a housing having an input orifice and an output orifice and a flange providing a mount to a tub wall and a substantially round threaded portion that extends through an opening in a tub; said housing having a sloped lower shelf that provides for water in at least a segment of a closed loop plumbing system to efficiently drain through said housing into a tub; a faceplate having water flow

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through passages and drainage openings in the lower peripheral edge of the faceplate; and wherein said faceplate is designed specifically for said housing allowing the faceplate to resist body and hair entrapment when high velocity water is passing through said faceplate.

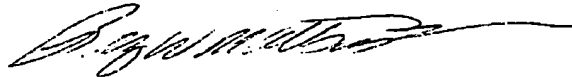
25. (Newly Added) The apparatus of claim 3, wherein said whirlpool bathtub has at least 6 output jets and at least one input suction device.

26. (Newly Added) The apparatus of claim 4, wherein said whirlpool bathtub retains less than about 6 ½ ounces of water after tub drain down.

27. (Newly Added) The apparatus of claim 3, wherein said whirlpool bathtub retains less than 6 ½ ounces of water.

28. (Newly Added) The apparatus of claim 3, wherein at least a segment of said housing or said faceplate is impregnated with an antimicrobial.

Respectfully,



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